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SUBJECT : US POSITION ON CAPE VERDES AND GUINEA-BISSAU

REF: LISBON 2322

1. THIS EMBASSY IS IN NO POSITION TO COMMENT ON STRATEGIC VALUE OF CAPE VERDES ISLANDS NOR DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO THEM.
2. HOWEVER, WISH TO OFFER FOLLOWING COMMENTS REGARDING REFERENDUM IN GUINEA-BISSAU.
 3. GRANTING GUINEA-BISSAU INDEPENDENCE WITHOUT REFERENDUM SHOULD NOT COMPLICATE QUESTION OF REFERENDUM IN MOZAMBIQUE OR ANGOLA BECAUSE OF FOLLOWING SPECIAL FACTORS PERTAINING ONLY TO GUINEA-BISSAU.
 - A. PAIGC, BY EVERYONE'S ADMISSION, CONTROLS SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF GUINEA-BISSAU;
 - B. IN ESTABLISHING GUINEA-BISSAU GOVERNMENT, PAIGC DID HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH IMPORTANT SEGMENT OF GUINEA-BISSAU POPULATION AND THEREFORE HAS LEGITIMATE CLAIM TO SOME REPRESENTATIVITY;
 - C. GUINEA-BISSAU IS ONLY ONE OF TERRITORIES THAT HAS BEEN DECLARED INDEPENDENT AND THAT ENJOYS RECOGNITION BY OVER EIGHTY COUNTRIES;
 - D. PAIGC POLITICAL AUTHORITY IS NOT CHALLENGED BY ANY OTHER SERIOUS ORGANIZED GROUP.
4. EMBASSY URGES THAT USG RESPONSE TO PORTUGAL BE ALONG THESE LINES.

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